# Fall General Assembly Nov. 17-19, 2019 #SSBA2019



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# President's Message

Reflecting on this past year, I think we should all be very proud of the work that was undertaken and completed. The SSBA, along with significant leadership and engagement from member boards, senior staff and education partners, tackled some important things.

As partners involved in the co-construction of a vision and plan for education in the province beyond 2020, **Saskatchewan's 27 boards of education, with the support of** the SSBA Education Visioning Working Advisory Group (WAG), conducted more than 300 engagements, connected with more than 10,500 people across the province and received more than 36,500 comments. This is essential work in helping to ensure education and investment in students is a priority for our province.

Also of note this year has been the work of the Student Transportation WAG and the General Insurance Plan Design Team. By bringing many partners together through these types of groups, we strengthen and broaden the perspectives and inputs into our work.

We continue to prioritize our work at the SSBA in three main categories – Services, Board Development and Advocacy. We undertake this work with considerable emphasis placed on engagement and relationships with our members, education partners and stakeholders. As a membership organization, we continue to focus on advancing our strategic priorities – priorities you, our members, have set forth. We work hard to be a strong voice for boards and for publicly funded education – advocating consistently and passionately on your behalf and offering services tailored to our members' needs.

A special thanks to the SSBA Executive and staff for all you do – and thank you to our members for your continued support of the SSBA and the work we do on behalf of boards of education.





Dr. Shawn Davidson President



#### At A Glance

DoubleTree by Hilton Regina, Capital Ballroom (unless otherwise indicated)

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

12:30 p.m. Registration Opens (Lobby)

1 p.m. Pre-Assembly Workshops (various locations)
2:30 p.m. Pre-Assembly Workshops (various locations)
3:30 p.m. Free Time / Break, CFL Western Final

6 p.m. Registration Opens (Lobby) 7:15 p.m. Student Entertainment

7:30 p.m. Welcome, Introductions, AGM Opens, Addresses

8 p.m. Keynote: Trauma-Informed Teaching Through Play Art Narrative

9 p.m. Reception (Lobby)

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:30 a.m. Registration Opens, Ballot Pick-Up (Lobby)

8 a.m. Breakfast, Partner Greetings

9 a.m. Student Wellness / Mental Health Through Students' Eyes

10 a.m. AGM – Strategic Plan, Budget, Procedures
 10:45 a.m. Networking Groups (various locations)
 12 p.m. Luncheon Buffet, Partner Greetings

1 p.m. Sector Savings Initiative

1:15 p.m.
 2:45 p.m.
 3 p.m.
 AGM – Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions
 General Insurance Plan Design Team Update
 Public, Catholic Section Meetings (various locations)

4:30 p.m. Indigenous Constituency Meeting (Prince Albert)

6 p.m. Reception

7 p.m. Banquet and Awards, Minister of Education Greetings

8:45 p.m. Entertainment – Musician J.J. Voss

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8 a.m. Breakfast

8:45 a.m. A Comprehensive School Community Health Approach to Mental Health

9:45 a.m. Constituency Elections, Session for Others (various locations)

10:30 a.m. #FiveYearsLater – (Y)our Reconciliation Journey

11 a.m. AGM – New Executive, Oath of Office

11:15 a.m. Assembly Concludes

11:30 a.m. **Board Chairs' Council (Moose Jaw Room)** 

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

DoubleTree by Hilton Regina, Capital Ballroom (unless otherwise indicated) )

12:30 p.m.	n. Registration Opens (Lobby)		
1 p.m.	<ul> <li>Pre-Assembly Workshops (choice of one)</li> <li>The Best PR (Public Relations) is Good Work (Moose Jaw Room)</li> <li>SSBA Communications</li> <li>Student Intensive Needs Within the Legal Context (Swift Current Room)</li> <li>SSBA Legal</li> </ul>		
2:15 p.m.	Coffee Break		
2:30 p.m.	Pre-Assembly Workshops (choice of one)  • Finance / Audit Committee Effectiveness (Moose Jaw Room)  • SSBA and Deloitte  • Enterprise Risk Management (Swift Current Room)  • SSBA and Prairie Spirit		
3:30 p.m.	Free Time / Break  CFL Western Final will be available for viewing in the ballroom  Appetizers and Cash Bar		
6 p.m.	Registration Opens (Lobby)		
7:15 p.m.	Student Entertainment  • Deaf Crows Collective		
7:30 p.m.	Welcome and Introductions		
8 p.m.	Dr. Patrick Lewis (University of Regina) and Karen Wallace		

8 p.m.





Dr. Patrick Lewis (University of Regina) and Karen Wallace "Trauma-Informed Teaching Through Play Art Narrative" Keynote about ideas, insight and practices to guide teachers, administrators and the broader community to help children and youth work through trauma in a creative, reparative process.

9 p.m. Cash Bar Reception (Lobby)

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7:30 a.m.	Registration Opens and Ballot Pick-Up (Lobby)	
8 a.m.	Breakfast	
8:45 a.m.	Greetings from LEADS and SASBO	
9 a.m.	Minister of Education's Youth Council  "Student Wellness / Mental Health Through Students' Eyes"  • saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/provincial-youth-counc	
10 a.m. Annual General Meeting of the Saskatchewan School Boards Associatio  2020 Strategic Plan and Budget  Procedures: Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions		
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break	
10:45 a.m.	Proposed Bylaw Amendments, Resolutions and Budget Breakout by Networking Groups (closed sessions)	

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(Moose Jaw)	(Swift Current)	(Qu'Appelle)	(Prince Albert)
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Jerome Niezgoda	Jaimie Smith-Windsor	Aleana Young	
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Good Spirit SD	<ul> <li>Horizon SD</li> </ul>	Northern Lights SD	<ul> <li>Lloydminster SD</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Holy Family RCSSD</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Light of Christ RCSSD</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Regina RCSSD</li> </ul>
Holy Trinity RCSSD	<ul> <li>Líving Sky SD</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Regina SD</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Prairie South SD</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>North East SD</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Saskatoon SD</li> </ul>
Prairie Valley SD	<ul> <li>Northwest SD</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>South East Cornerstone SD</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Prairie Spirit SD</li> </ul>		
Sun West SD	<ul> <li>Prince Albert RCSSD</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Saskatchewan Rivers SD</li> </ul>		

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18 (continued)

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12 p.m.	Luncheon Buffet	
12:45 p.m.	Greetings from STF and CSBA	
1 p.m.	Liam Choo-Foo, "Sector Savings Initiative"	
1:15 p.m.	AGM – Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions	
2:45 p.m.	Aleana Young, "General Insurance Plan Design Team Update"	
3 p.m.	Coffee Break / Meeting Recesses	
3 p.m.	Catholic Section Meeting (Swift Current Room) Public Section Meeting (Moose Jaw Room)	
4:30 p.m.	Indigenous Constituency Meeting (Prince Albert Room)	
6 p.m.	Reception	
7 n m	Banquet and Awards	

- / p.m. Banquet and Awards
  - Greetings from Deputy Premier and Minister of Education Gordon Wyant
  - Recognition of Scholarship Recipients



Matthias Georghiades is the recipient of the 2019 Degree Program Scholarship. Matthias graduated from Marion M. Graham Collegiate in the Saskatoon Public School Division and is enrolled in the Arts and Science program at the University of Saskatchewan.



Damon Kako is the recipient of the 2019 Technical / Trade Program Scholarship. Damon graduated from Dinsmore Composite School in the Sun West School Division and is enrolled in the Electrical Engineering Technology program at Saskatchewan Polytechnic.

- Life Membership
- Premier's Board of Education Award for Innovation and Excellence in Education (The Premier's Award is generously sponsored by Xerox Canada.)

Entertainment / Social Evening 8:45 p.m.

Musician J.J. Voss

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
DoubleTree by Hilton Regina, Capital Ballroom (unless otherwise indicated)

8 a.m.	Breakfast	
8:45 a.m.	Good Spirit School Division "A Comprehensive School Community Health Approach to Mental Health"	
9:45 a.m.	Northern Constituency Election (Qu'Appelle Room) Southern Constituency Election (Moose Jaw) Session for Trustees not in Elections (Capital Ballroom)  • "Digital Transformation and its Impact on K-12 Education" – Xerox Canad	
10:15 a.m.	Coffee Break	
10:30 a.m.	"#FiveYearsLater – (Y)our Reconciliation Journey"	
11 a.m.	AGM – Introduce New Executive and Oath of Office	
11:15 a.m.	Fall General Assembly Concludes	
11:30 a.m.	Board Chairs' Council (Moose Jaw Room)  • Executive and Chairs or designates only	

#### Advance Nominations



Position: Southern Constituency Representative

Candidate Name: Shane Andrus Candidate Board: Chinook Nominator Name: Kim Pridmore Nominator Board: Chinook

Dr. Shane Andrus is honored to be nominated as a candidate for Southern Constituency Representative of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association. Shane serves as trustee with Chinook School Division #211. Since 2012 he has given leadership to the school board as Vice-Chair and Chair, served on various internal committees and the external Southwest Municipal Government Committee.

Professionally, Shane has served as an Ordained Minister for over 26 years, supporting a rural congregation. Additionally, he works in private practice as a Certified Professional Counsellor and part-time College Instructor. He instructs in both Divisions of Humanities and of Science & Health. In 2019 Shane was recognized as Instructor of the Year at Medicine Hat College.

Shane holds a Bachelor of Arts degree, Master of Arts degree, and Doctoral degree. It is however, public education that he especially feels he owes a debt of gratitude. It was public education that provided the pathway to life-long learning.

With his spouse of 20 years, Lois, Shane has been extensively involved in the community. In 2019 he celebrated being one of the founding members of the Burstall Community Hall Commission, which constructed a new integrated community complex, recognized by the Saskatchewan Parks & Recreation Association. He was Chair of the Burstall & District Fall Fair for two terms, Chair of two election forums, and a founding member of a regional food bank. In 2014 he was Burstall's Citizen of the Year.

For hobbies Shane enjoys swimming, riding a Kona trail bike, and walking their dogs — which includes a grumpy Chihuahua named Timbit. Shane is a Life-Time Member of the SPCA, from whom Timbit received assistance prior to adoption.

The SSBA has been pivotal to Shane's positive experience as a Trustee. It has been transformative in helping him find his voice of advocacy for public education.



Government of Saskatchewan

The Honourable Gordon S. Wyant, Q.C., Deputy Premier and Minister of Education On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, I would like to welcome all Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) members to the 2019 Fall General Assembly. Thank you to all trustees for your work and your dedication to the education of our children in Saskatchewan.

This year's theme of Student Wellness and Mental Health is an extremely important topic, not only for our children, but for this government as a whole. As Minister of Education, I am committed to working to ensure that our next generation of leaders is supported in all capacities. This includes being proactive and responsive as we support our young people both inside and outside of the classroom, as well as providing our educators, families and community members with the knowledge and resources they need to support the young people in their lives. By working together with all education and community partners, we can provide an optimal future for all Saskatchewan's students.

With that in mind, I would like to thank the SSBA for extending an invitation to our newly formed provincial Youth Council to present on the topic of student wellness and mental health from the students' perspective. The 2019-20 Youth Council is made up of high school students from across the province who are committed to empowering youth and making a positive impact in their communities. Having their voice and their viewpoints at this conference is incredibly valuable.

We are currently planning for the next 10 years of education in Saskatchewan by developing a provincial education plan for the 2020-21 school year. I would like to thank the SSBA and school boards across the province, along with our dedicated education planning partners, for their work in the public engagement sessions. We gathered valuable feedback from students, teachers, parents, staff and community members around the province. I know that we all have the same priority, which is to ensure the success and the best possible future for Saskatchewan students.

I look forward to attending the Association Banquet and Awards on Monday evening, and I wish you all the best for a great conference.



Canadian School Boards Association

Laurie French, President Hello/Bonjour/She:kon

I am honoured to extend greetings to Trustee delegates and staff of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association for your 104th Fall General Assembly. SSBA and its members should be very proud of the work that you have done in the name of students to maintain local governance of public education to ensure ongoing student learning, achievement and wellness.

Saskatchewan has a well-deserved reputation for leadership in equity, due in no small part to the hard work and dedication of trustees. The ongoing collaboration with government and connection with partners in education are recognized and well respected throughout the country.

There has never been a more important time in Canada for cooperation and alliances among trustees, school boards and provincial associations. The future of public education depends on protecting local voices and doing everything in our power to regain democratic representation in areas where it has been lost or eroded.

SSBA is a strong leader at the CSBA table. Your President and Executive Director ensure that your interests are reflected in national priorities. They work with colleagues from across the country on your behalf to champion high quality education and to influence legislation and policies for the benefit of students. Together with the CSBA, we have the ability to continue to create safe and inclusive learning environments, and share in leading education practices.

I wish you a productive and successful Fall General Assembly and look forward to continued collaboration.



League of Educational Administrators, Directors and Superintendents

Gwen Keith, President On behalf of LEADS, congratulations to the SSBA for focusing this year's General Assembly on "Student Wellness / Mental Heath". Attention to wellbeing can help increase the positive life chances of our staff and students in Saskatchewan. I recognize the "edge making" leadership of Good Spirit School Division for its pathways in school community health!

The purpose of LEADS is to promote leadership for excellence in education and to provide services and support to its members. LEADS, through working with stakeholders such as the SSBA, provides leadership to facilitate enhanced outcomes in academic, social, spiritual and personal development of all children and youth in Saskatchewan. Hopefully, this Fall Assembly will inspire further student voice and strategy for creating strong and heathy environments.

LEADS actively advocates for the wellbeing of children within publicly funded education systems. LEADS members work in partnership with trustees for the welfare of all our schools. Our best wishes to you for a successful Fall General Assembly!



Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials

Joel Lloyd, President On behalf of the Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials (SASBO), I extend our best wishes to the Saskatchewan School Boards Association for a successful 2019 Fall General Assembly. Our association continues to benefit from our positive relationship with the SSBA, and we are appreciative for the opportunity to work with trustees on a number of provincial committees.

SASBO's members are committed to supporting the success of Saskatchewan's children. We do this every day by supporting the Boards of Education in a variety of often unseen ways. We ensure that our facilities are first rate and running efficiently, that our children are safely transported to and from school, that computer systems and other technology run seamlessly, and of course, that all employees receive their pay accurately and on time.

The theme of "Student Wellness/Mental Health" reflects the challenges some of our students and staff are experiencing in the sector. To achieve the goals of the Education Sector Strategic Plan, students need to be willing, ready, and able to learn. These supports are vital to ensure the wellness and long-term success of our students.

As pre-Kindergarten-Grade 12 education in our province continues to change, we are optimistic that the relationship between SSBA and SASBO will continue to benefit members of both associations, which ultimately benefits the students and families we serve – now and in the future.



Saskatchewan **Teachers'** Federation

Patrick Maze, President On behalf of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation and the 13,500 teachers we represent, it is my pleasure to extend greetings and best wishes for your 104th Fall General Assembly.

The Federation is proud to represent our province's teachers and pleased to work along side partners like the Saskatchewan School Boards Association to ensure the success of our province's teachers, students and publicly funded education.

Public education is the foundation of strong, healthy communities. We know the quality and delivery of public education is an important issue to teaching professionals and to those outside the education system. Re-Imagine Education was a collaborative initiative that asked people to share their vision for education in Saskatchewan beyond 2020. Forums were held in 69 schools and 6,000 people participated in our online survey, including 400 pages of commentary. We also heard from more than 200 community groups and organizations, including those who are disengaged from the education system.

The future of public education in Saskatchewan is bright thanks to the tireless dedication and support of our teachers and partners. Communities, parents, students, teachers and community partners are engaged and interested in building a strong future for public education. We are eager to continue working with our partners, including the Saskatchewan School Boards Association, to implement Re-Imagine Education and ensure a high-standard of sustainable public education for every student in every corner of our province.

I wish you all the very best in the coming year and trust you will have a productive Fall General Assembly.



CUPE Sask. Education Workers Steering Committee

Jackie Christianson, Chairperson The Education Workers Steering Committee exists under the umbrella of CUPE Saskatchewan. We represent over 7,000 education support workers across the province. Education support workers are employed by school divisions in many capacities. These workers range from caretakers, bus drivers and maintenance workers to education assistants, administrative assistants, library technicians, counselors and social workers. We are an integral part of the education system.

I am honoured to be the chairperson of the Education Workers Steering Committee. We, as Education support workers, are proud to be partners in education, along with the Ministry of Education, the Saskatchewan School Boards Association, and the Saskatchewan Teachers Federation. I was pleased with this year's theme "Student Wellness/Mental Health". Each and every day, there are students that struggle with mental health issues. As support workers, we are encouraged that their need has been acknowledged and will be discussed by our school divisions as the Fall Assembly provides a wonderful opportunity for partners to connect and engage in the common goal of

Best wishes for a successful convention!

providing for students in Saskatchewan.



Service Employees International Union - SEIU-West

Barbara Cape, President On behalf of Service Employees International Union – SEIU-West, I congratulate the Saskatchewan School Boards Association on their 104th annual assembly. This achievement comes in a climate of constant change lending to the evolution of our education system.

The theme, "Student Wellness-Mental Health" is timely as these conversations are well overdue. We need to bring mental health into the light; to discuss the stigma and illnesses that are very present in our homes, our classrooms, and our communities. Student wellness and mental health are inextricably tied to the wellness and mental health of the school staff.

Where we see budget cuts and loss of staff, our students and remaining staff feel that most keenly in the classroom and throughout the school. Where we see occupational health and safety issues, our students and staff also witness the violence and ongoing challenges within the school setting. The promise of unfettered access to education that our students should expect is no longer being met.

Staff, administration and students are truly connected in the common goal of success in the education system. And the various partners, allies and unions need to come together to be vocal advocates and champions for improved government investment into the education system. Whether its rural, urban or remote, we must partner together to create the environment where our school staff and students can succeed. This means additional funding to address infrastructure issues; improved safety and maintenance in the schools; more direct student and classroom supports; and adequate staffing to make this happen.

The pressures and external forces that impact our students and staff grow every year. We have the opportunity to understand and provide mechanisms to deal with these pressures. Together let's build a true network of partners that will support the incredible work of our staff to ensure the success of our students.

#### Additional Information

#### HOTEL MAP

#### MAIN FLOOR



#### **EVALUATION**

Your comments and suggestions are valuable to us and help with the planning of future events. Please take a few minutes to complete the online evaluation for the 2019 Fall General Assembly. By submitting the completed evaluation form electronically by Dec. 4 and providing your name, you will be entered into a draw for a one-night package at the DoubleTree by Hilton hotel in Regina.

Delegates can follow this link to the survey site: surveymonkey.com/r/ssba-fall-assembly-2019



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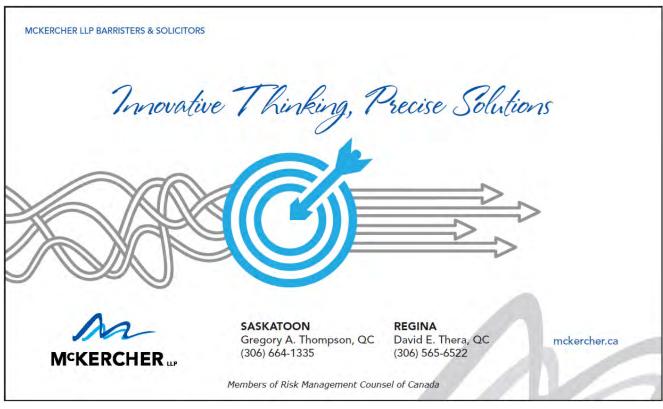




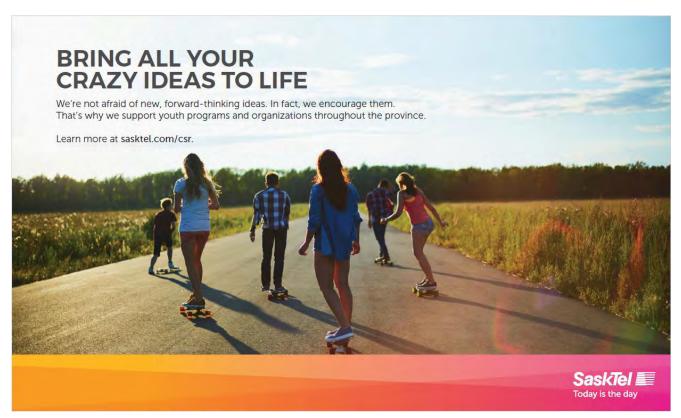


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Thank you to Mosaic for its ongoing and generous support of the Mosaic Extreme School Makeover Challenge program in Saskatchewan! Since 2006, Mosaic and the SSBA have hosted the Challenge to encourage grassroots initiatives to improve nutrition in our schools. Congratulations to the Challenge recipient schools for 2019! Stay tuned for information about the 2020 Mosaic Challenge!

#### 2019 Mosaic Extreme School Makeover Challenge Winners

SCHOOL	PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS
<b>Arcola Community School</b> (Regina) Regina Public School Division	Provide nutrition and life skills training     Develop cookbooks to share at home     Host family engagement days
Bishop James Mahoney High School (Saskatoon) St. Paul's Catholic School Division	<ul> <li>Teach about food security and choice</li> <li>Provide workshops to other schools</li> <li>Grow and prepare healthy food choices</li> </ul>
Dr. Brass School (Yorkton) Good Spirit School Division	Aid in the path toward reconciliation     Implement Indigenous Foods program     Purchase commercial dishwasher
Glaslyn Central School (Glaslyn) Northwest School Division	Implement new snack program     Empower students to "pay it forward"     Focus on Indigenous teaching via elders
Hillmond Central School (Lloydminster) Northwest School Division	Start daily universal breakfast program     Implement student cooking club     Provide students Food Safe certification
Marion M. Graham Collegiate (Saskatoon) Saskatoon Public School Division	Establish community nutrition program     Enhance cooking and life skills training     Purchase appliances and garden
Michael A. Riffel Catholic High School (Regina) Regina Catholic School Division	<ul> <li>Provide life skills and nutrition training</li> <li>Provide access to healthier foods</li> <li>Implement food policy</li> </ul>
Midale Central School (Midale) South East Cornerstone School Division	Renovate kitchen and buy equipment     Implement daily programming     Engage parents and community
Spiritwood High School (Spiritwood) Living Sky School Division	Provide indoor and outdoor gardens     Implement cooking classes     Teach about Indigenous culture
Valley View Community School (Beauval) Northern Lights School Division	Aid in the path toward reconciliation     Build cooking and cultural space     Teach traditional gathering and prep





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